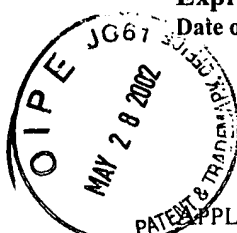


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action of December 28, 2001, in the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee for a two-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2). With the extension, these documents are due May 28, 2002.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17564-136.

AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:

8. (Amended) An apparatus for supporting and tensioning a stencil to enable solder printing of circuit boards and other electronic substrates, comprising:
- a support frame;
 - at least two pairs of opposed mounting members engaged with the support frame,
 - with at least one member in each pair of mounting members being reciprocally displaceable toward the other member of the pair, with each mounting member including

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